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TOPIC Airfields and Paratrooper Quarters at Kosice and Presov
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REMARKS

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1. The airfield southeast of Kosice (R 49/E 34) was located west of Barca (R 49/E 23) and east of the Kosice-Buzinka (R 49/E 23) road. The approach road to the field branched off from the latter road. The installation was used by commercial aircraft and paratrooper units stationed in Kosice. The former airfield just north of the town was deactivated and factories were then built on the landing field. In May 1953, the new airfield was still under construction. Large quantities of broken stones were trucked to the field. Many construction workers were also observed there. The field had a grass cover. No runways, taxiways or hardstands were observed. There were buildings and also a guard house on the west side of the field. 1 50X1-HUM
2. Twin-engine, commercial aircraft regularly made intermittent landings at the installation. When the paratrooper unit from Kosice practiced at the field at irregular intervals, twin-engine aircraft, which allegedly were stationed in Presov (R 49-50/E 37), arrived at the field. Parachuting was also practiced from a captive balloon. At first the parachutists would jump from the captive balloon at an altitude of 400 to 500 meters. The next jumps would then be made from the transport aircraft flying from the same altitude. 1 50X1-HUM
3. The former air force barracks installation on Komekeho ulica in Kosice quartered 600 to 700 men of a parachute unit. In the yard of the installation parachuting was practiced from a tower erected there.² The former artillery barracks installation, which consisted of 6 or 7 single-story and 2-story buildings was located between Delostrelecka Ulica and Dobova Ulica and quartered a paratrooper unit. Parachutists also occupied the former Dobo Istvan barracks installation on the east side of Dobova Ulica. 50X1-HUM
4. 1 the airfield northeast of Presov, south of the road to Vranov (R 49/E 65), was occupied by twin-engine transports.³ 50X1-HUM
5. A barracks installation northeast of Presov railroad station, east of the road to Kosice, quartered a paratrooper unit.² 50X1-HUM
1. Comment. 1 the location, occupation of and construction activity at Kosice-Barca airfield agree with previous information. The field is provided with a runway approximately 1,600 meters long.



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2.  Comment. Elements of the paratrooper brigade from Presov are stationed in Kosice. It is believed that 1 or 2 paratrooper battalions and a paratrooper training center are located in Kosice. 50X1-HUM
3.  Comment. The information that twin-engine transport aircraft are stationed at Presov airfield is probably correct. 50X1-HUM

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